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Temporary vacation closings and other seasonal cutbacks combined to reflect lower employment in August when personal income continued to increase, setting another record high, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. Seasonally adjusted economic indicators improved during the month and there was a seasonal unemployment rise.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonfarm wage and salary employment declined by 8,600 in August to 1,419,300, which compared with 1,406,000 last year (Page 2). Seasonal cutbacks in retail and government together with summer factory vacation shutdowns were largely responsible for the reduction. The August drop in government employment was due to the release of temporary workers hired for short-term projects.

Average weekly earnings of factory production workers dropped by $1.18 to $316.77 in August for a slightly shorter workweek of 41.3 hours (Page 3). Although hourly earnings declined by one cent to $7.67, this mid-August figure was 54-cents higher than the August 1980 rate of $7.13. Figured on a straight-time 40-hour workweek, average hourly earnings this August were $7.38 or $295.20 per week, 6.7 percent above the $6.92 and $276.80 averages of a year ago.

Unemployment: Unemployment dropped slightly from 101,600 in July to 100,200 in August with the rate remaining at 6.3 percent (Page 4). When computed on a seasonally adjusted basis, however, the rate went from 6.1 to 6.5 percent which compared with a 7.2 percent national rate. Lower unemployment was recorded in eight labor market areas (Page 4), increased in seven and was unchanged in Stamford. Included in the unemployment estimates are those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired, persons entering or reentering the labor force and workers not entitled to receive pay during vacation closings.

Other Indicators: Most of the seasonally adjusted economic indicators improved from July. The new hire rate for manufacturing firms was up, personal income of state residents hit an all-time high, new auto registrations grew, the average workweek in manufacturing was longer and manufacturing output gained. Average weekly initial unemployment claims increased over the month but were below last year's level (Page 7).

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C O N N E C T I C U T N O N A G R I C U L T U R A L E M P L O Y M E N T

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

August 1981

	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. (R) 1980	% Change Aug. '81 over July '81	% Change Aug. '81 over Aug. '80
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,419,300*	1,427,900*	1,406,000*	- 0.6	+ 0.9
Manufacturing.....	429,300*	432,300*	429,000*	- 0.7	+ 0.1
Metallic Manufacturing...	310,500*	314,600*	312,700*	- 1.3	- 0.7
Primary Metals.....	20,400	20,300*	19,300*	+ 0.5	+ 5.7
Fabricated Metals.....	63,900	64,000	63,600	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	60,500	61,800	60,100	- 2.1	+ 0.7
Electrical Equip.....	51,500	51,200	49,500	+ 0.6	+ 4.0
Transp. Equip.....	79,700	82,500	85,400*	- 3.4	- 6.7
Instruments & Clocks....	27,000*	27,200*	26,600	- 0.7	+ 1.5
Other Metallic Mfg.....	7,500	7,600	8,200	- 1.3	- 8.5
Nonmetallic Manufacturing	118,800	117,700	116,300*	+ 0.9	+ 2.1
Food.....	12,700	12,600	12,600	+ 0.8	+ 0.8
Textiles.....	8,100	8,000	7,800	+ 1.3	+ 3.8
Apparel.....	11,600	10,500	10,300	+ 10.5	+ 12.6
Furniture & Lumber.....	6,600	6,400	6,700	+ 3.1	- 1.5
Paper.....	9,900	9,900	9,300	0.0	+ 6.5
Printing & Publishing...	24,300	24,200	23,900*	+ 0.4	+ 1.7
Chemicals.....	19,100	19,200	19,200	- 0.5	- 0.5
Rubber & Misc. Plast....	13,400	13,400	13,500*	0.0	- 0.7
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	13,100	13,500	13,000	- 3.0	+ 0.8
Nonmanufacturing.....	990,000*	995,600	977,000*	- 0.6	+ 1.3
Construction.....	53,400*	53,200	52,000	+ 0.4	+ 2.7
Transp. (Inc. R.R.).....	28,500	28,900	30,400	- 1.4	- 6.3
Communications.....	18,500	18,500	17,900	0.0	+ 3.4
Utilities.....	11,300	11,200	11,100	+ 0.9	+ 1.8
Trade.....	297,200	299,000	297,100*	- 0.6	+ 0.0**
Wholesale.....	75,000	74,400	74,200*	+ 0.8	+ 1.1
Retail.....	155,600	157,900	157,500	- 1.5	- 1.2
Restaurants.....	66,600	66,700	65,400	- 0.1	+ 1.8
Finance & Real Estate...	48,400	48,400	46,000	0.0	+ 5.2
Insurance.....	62,900	62,700	60,800	+ 0.3	+ 3.5
Service.....	297,900	299,700	288,000*	- 0.6	+ 3.4
Hotels.....	7,300	7,000	7,900	+ 4.3	- 7.6
Laundries & Pers. Serv.	13,800	13,900	13,700	- 0.7	+ 0.7
Health Services.....	98,400	98,700	94,400*	- 0.3	+ 4.2
Law & Professional.....	20,700	20,600	20,000	+ 0.5	+ 3.5
Other Services.....	157,700	159,500	152,000	- 1.1	+ 3.8
Government.....	171,900	174,000	173,700	- 1.2	- 1.0
Federal.....	21,900*	22,100	22,400	- 0.9	- 2.2
State & Local.....	150,000	151,900	151,300	- 1.3	- 0.9

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** Less than 0.05 percent

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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$316.77	$317.95	$294.47	41.3	41.4	41.3	$7.67	$7.68	$7.13
Metallic Manufacturing.....	327.76	328.18	307.13	41.7	41.7	41.9	7.86	7.87	7.33
Primary Metals.....	360.80	367.16	325.43	42.8	43.4	42.1	8.43	8.46	7.73
Fabricated Metals.....	305.41	304.50	272.33	42.3	42.0	41.2	7.22	7.25	6.61
Machinery.....	357.38	356.44	336.35	42.8	43.1	43.4	8.35	8.27	7.75
Electrical Equipment.....	262.75	269.93	234.99	40.8	41.4	40.1	6.44	6.52	5.86
Transportation Equipment....	373.28	368.32	363.32	39.5	39.1	42.1	9.45	9.42	8.63
Instruments and Clocks.....	311.18	312.84	286.81	43.4	44.0	43.0	7.17	7.11	6.67
Other Metallic Mfg.....	275.41	276.38	246.65	43.1	43.8	40.5	6.39	6.31	6.09
Nonmetallic Manufacturing....	287.43	290.39	259.78	40.2	40.5	39.6	7.15	7.17	6.56
Food.....	311.08	309.75	291.21	41.7	41.3	40.9	7.46	7.50	7.12
Textiles.....	233.44	233.63	207.34	39.7	39.8	38.9	5.88	5.87	5.33
Apparel.....	186.38	182.50	166.11	35.5	35.3	35.8	5.25	5.17	4.64
Lumber & Furniture.....	233.60	228.14	213.33	40.0	39.2	39.0	5.84	5.82	5.47
Paper.....	367.49	362.15	318.86	46.4	45.9	43.8	7.92	7.89	7.28
Printing & Publishing.....	288.00	292.56	269.22	36.0	36.8	37.6	8.00	7.95	7.16
Chemicals.....	351.46	363.36	317.34	41.3	42.3	41.0	8.51	8.59	7.74
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.....	270.27	275.46	253.60	41.2	41.8	40.0	6.56	6.59	6.34
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	318.85	315.03	270.41	42.4	42.4	40.3	7.52	7.43	6.71
Construction.....	459.80	459.27	406.16	38.0	37.8	37.4	12.10	12.15	10.86

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	August 1981 Number	August 1981 Ratio to Labor Force	July 1981 Number	July 1981 Ratio to Labor Force	August 1980 (R) Number	August 1980 (R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	100,200	6.3	101,600	6.3	103,700	6.4
Seasonally Adjusted....		(6.5)		(6.1)		(6.4)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,500	9.4	1,600	9.9	1,900	10.6
Bridgeport.....	11,800	6.1	12,100	6.2	13,200	6.6
Bristol.....	2,900	8.2	2,900	8.0	4,300	11.5
Danbury.....	5,000	5.5	5,500	5.9	5,000	5.7
Danielson.....	2,700	9.1	2,600	9.0	3,100	10.3
Hartford.....	23,300	6.0	22,200	5.7	20,400	5.3
Meriden.....	2,700	10.0	2,400	9.1	2,900	10.9
Middletown.....	3,600	6.0	3,600	5.9	3,300	5.5
New Britain.....	6,000	7.8	5,400	7.1	6,500	8.4
New Haven.....	13,400	6.7	13,900	6.9	13,300	6.4
New London-Norwich.....	6,600	6.1	6,900	6.4	7,000	6.4
Norwalk.....	3,300	4.3	3,600	4.7	3,800	4.9
Stamford.....	4,700	3.9	4,800	3.9	4,700	3.9
Torrington.....	3,500	8.4	3,600	8.6	3,300	7.8
Waterbury.....	7,800	7.3	9,200	8.5	9,600	8.6
Willimantic.....	1,400	5.9	1,300	5.4	1,400	6.1
U.S. Total-Actual.....	7,758,000	7.2	7,934,000	7.3	8,011,000	7.5
Seasonally Adjusted		(7.2)		(7.0)		(7.6)

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Aug. '81	July '81	Aug. '80
All Items.....	276.5	274.4	249.4
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.8	+10.9

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	August'81	July'81	August'80(R)	Percent Change to August 1981 from: July'81	August'80
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,130	8,270	8,540	- 1.7	- 4.8
Manufacturing	2,980	3,110	3,290	- 4.2	- 9.4
Nonmanufacturing	5,150	5,160	5,250	- 0.2	- 1.9
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	170,180*	171,040	170,820*	- 0.5	- 0.4
Manufacturing	66,830-	66,820	64,640	+ 0.1	+ 3.4
Nonmanufacturing	103,350*	104,220	106,180*	- 0.8	- 2.7
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	23,330	23,500	23,090	- 0.7	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	10,070	10,200	10,200	- 1.3	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	13,260	13,300	12,890	- 0.3	+ 2.9
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	65,320*	65,420	63,190	- 0.2	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	22,100	22,220	20,830	- 0.5	+ 6.1
Nonmanufacturing	43,220*	43,200	42,360	+ 0.1	+ 2.0
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,890	19,790	19,480	+ 0.5	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	9,380	9,400	8,990	- 0.2	+ 4.3
Nonmanufacturing	10,510	10,390	10,490	+ 1.2	+ 0.2
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	393,910*	397,260	392,500*	- 0.8	+ 0.4
Manufacturing	93,850	95,480	95,990*	- 1.7	- 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	300,060*	301,780	296,510*	- 0.6	+ 1.2
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,170	21,390	20,750*	- 1.0	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	5,600	5,630	5,490*	- 0.5	+ 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	15,570	15,760	15,260	- 1.2	+ 2.0
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	46,420	46,670	46,170*	- 0.5	+ 0.5
Manufacturing	14,950	15,260	15,650*	- 2.0	- 4.5
Nonmanufacturing	31,470	31,410	30,520*	+ 0.2	+ 3.1
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	64,090	63,630	62,870*	+ 0.7	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	28,860	28,310	28,390*	+ 1.9	+ 1.7
Nonmanufacturing	35,230	35,320	34,480	- 0.3	+ 2.2
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	188,560*	189,000*	192,630	- 0.2	- 2.1
Manufacturing	38,530*	38,910*	42,150	- 1.0	- 8.6
Nonmanufacturing	150,030*	150,090	150,480	- 0.1	- 0.3
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	94,590*	93,720	93,560	+ 0.9	+ 1.1
Manufacturing 1	34,900	34,830	34,940	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Nonmanufacturing	59,690*	58,890	58,620	+ 1.4	+ 1.8
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	63,800	63,830	62,250	- 0.1	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	21,480	21,430	20,680	+ 0.2	+ 3.9
Nonmanufacturing	42,320	42,400	41,570	- 0.2	+ 1.8

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	August'81	July'81	August'80(R)	Percent Change to August 1981 from: July'81	August'80
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	111,480	111,530*	107,780	- 0.1	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	31,120	31,200*	31,220	- 0.3	- 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	80,360	80,330	76,560	+ 0.1	+ 5.0
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,860	28,740	29,750	+ 0.4	- 3.0
Manufacturing	10,120	10,120	10,400	0.0	- 2.7
Nonmanufacturing	18,740	18,620	19,350	+ 0.6	- 3.2
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	88,300	87,930	88,600*	+ 0.4	- 0.3
Manufacturing	32,730	32,220	32,620*	+ 1.6	+ 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	55,570	55,710	55,980	- 0.3	- 0.7
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	17,580	17,550	17,370	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
Manufacturing	3,010	2,980	2,940	+ 1.0	+ 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	14,570	14,570	14,430	0.0	+ 1.0

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS AND LABOR MARKET AREA - AUGUST 1981

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug.'81	Jul.'81	Aug.'80	Aug.'81	Jul.'81	Aug.'80	Aug.'81	Jul.'81	Aug.'80
Ansonia	$381.94	$381.60	$329.10	45.2	45.7	41.5	$8.45	$8.35	$7.93
Bridgeport	334.65	341.91	307.65	42.2	42.9	41.8	7.93	7.97	7.36
Bristol	362.07	367.16	318.63	40.5	41.3	39.0	8.94	8.89	8.17
Danbury	310.59	308.42	282.08	43.5	43.5	43.0	7.14	7.09	6.56
Danielson	254.51	258.02	224.91	38.1	38.8	35.7	6.68	6.65	6.30
Hartford	334.14	328.86	323.94	41.1	40.5	42.4	8.13	8.12	7.64
Meriden	285.65	284.96	258.00	41.1	41.6	40.0	6.95	6.85	6.45
Middletown	326.00	319.56	306.80	40.0	39.5	40.0	8.15	8.09	7.67
New Britain	323.18	331.57	297.34	41.7	42.4	40.9	7.75	7.82	7.27
New Haven	302.76	303.75	282.98	40.1	40.5	40.6	7.55	7.50	6.97
New London-Norwich	318.00	315.99	294.46	39.9	40.1	39.9	7.97	7.88	7.38
Norwalk	328.70	328.50	307.80	44.6	45.0	45.0	7.37	7.30	6.84
Stamford	296.84	298.19	276.75	41.0	41.3	41.0	7.24	7.22	6.75
Torrington	242.90	241.08	214.89	41.1	41.0	39.0	5.91	5.88	5.51
Waterbury	272.90	267.73	242.79	41.6	41.0	40.6	6.56	6.53	5.98
Willimantic	257.98	263.16	268.94	42.5	43.0	45.2	6.07	6.12	5.95

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		New Hire Rate Manufacturing		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980								
Jan....	1409.8	1427.6	2.0	2.1	7301	5213	6.1	5.5
Feb....	1405.9	1429.8	1.9	2.2	4513	4843	5.7	5.2
Mar....	1418.1	1436.3	2.1	2.1	3752	4641	5.6	5.2
Apr....	1427.6	1425.5	1.7	1.9	5179	5708	5.5	5.5
May....	1435.9	1424.8	1.9	1.8	4807	6444	5.6	5.8
Jun....	1441.8	1416.5	2.1	1.6	6289	7154	6.4	6.3
Jul....	1415.6	1424.9	1.1	1.2	9917	6382	6.8	6.5
Aug....	1406.0	1420.6	1.5	1.3	6643	6956	6.4	6.4
Sep....	1422.1	1417.6	1.8	1.4	4175	6639	5.8	6.4
Oct....	1428.9	1421.7	1.6	1.5	4256	6129	5.5	6.1
Nov....	1436.8	1424.1	1.4	1.6	4464	5739	5.5	6.0
Dec....	1443.6	1426.0	1.0	1.5	9094	5285	5.8	6.0
1981								
Jan....	1421.5	1438.8	1.4	1.5	7433	5305	7.1	5.9
Feb....	1420.6	1445.2	1.4	1.6	4533	4864	6.8	5.9
Mar....	1428.6	1447.4	1.5	1.5	4055	5019	6.2	6.0
Apr....	1432.6	1429.7	1.4	1.6	4644	5120	5.8	6.0
May....	1441.4	1430.0	1.7	1.5	3941	5282	5.3	5.8
Jun....	1450.6	1425.0	2.2	1.8	5786	6582	6.0	5.9
Jul....	1427.9	1436.5	1.4	1.5	8374	5389	6.3	6.1
Aug....	1419.3	1433.6	1.9(P)	1.6(P)	5877	6154	6.3	6.5
Sep....								
Oct....								
Nov....								
Dec....								

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980							
Jan....	2672.8	8969	10175	42.6	42.4	121.1	116.6
Feb....	2702.4	8265	10125	42.2	42.3	120.6	116.8
Mar....	2706.0	13194	11325	42.2	42.1	121.9	116.9
Apr....	2686.4	9931	10155	41.9	42.2	121.2	118.1
May....	2696.9	9875	8903	41.8	42.0	120.0	116.8
Jun....	2704.1	9868	8274	41.6	41.7	118.8	114.5
Jul....	2747.7	9564	8646	41.3	41.6	100.5	113.1
Aug....	2766.3	9916	8937	41.3	41.8	100.4	113.4
Sep....	2786.4	9781	12069	41.3	41.4	116.2	114.2
Oct....	2799.0	13032	12248	41.5	41.4	117.4	114.9
Nov....	2810.3	8060	10056	42.0	41.6	120.2	116.1
Dec....	2842.3	10979	11423	42.3	41.6	110.3	116.9
1981							
Jan....	2888.1	9052	10275	42.1	41.9	119.7	115.2
Feb....	2900.4	7491	9180	41.8	41.9	117.1	113.4
Mar....	2917.3	11387	9774	41.8	41.7	120.3	115.5
Apr....	2890.5	12979	13271	41.5	41.8	119.3	116.2
May....	2906.6	9161	8328	41.6	41.8	119.3	116.1
Jun....	2923.3	9387	7868	41.8	41.9	121.4	117.0
Jul....	2943.5	9219	8335	41.4	41.7	104.0	117.1
Aug....	2966.9	9888	8908	41.3	41.8	104.7	118.3
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

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